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TITLE: ANNULAR GAP SEAL FOR A VALVE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2007, and preliminary to Examination after the filing of an RCE, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.